(b) whether it is also a fact that these States have also complained that due to insufficient allocation of budget the target fixed for road construction is not being achieved;

(c) if so, the details of such States;

(d) whether Government, keeping in view the demand of such States, is contemplating to raise the budget allocation for road projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (e) This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of the National Highways (NHs). The State Government concerned are responsible for roads other than National Highways. There are requests from time to time from many States for enhancing the budgetary allocation for development of NHs entrusted with such States. However, the allocation for NH (Original) Works is made to the States depending upon the condition of the NHs, the works sanctioned for development/improvement of NHs, overall availability of funds and progress of expenditure made from time to time. The targets are also fixed for various development works on NHs as per the availability of the funds. The enhancement of allocation of funds to States for development of NHs is considered subject to enhancement of overall allocation of funds during Revised Estimate (R.E.) stage, progress of expenditure and demands for additional allocations for such States and surrender of funds from other States, if any.

**Upgradation of roads in Gujarat**

1970. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for upgradation of roads submitted by the State Government of Gujarat during the last five years;

(b) the details of roads upgraded upto December, 2007;

(c) the total expenditure incurred during the last five years, year-wise; and

(d) by when the remaining roads are likely to be upgraded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways in the country. The proposals for improvement and upgradation of National Highways received from different states including Gujarat are finalised based on the *inter se* priority keeping in view the condition of road, traffic needs and availability of funds etc. Improvement and upgradation of roads is a continuous process. Therefore, the proposals which could not be sanctioned in a year are submitted by the State Government in the subsequent year.

The details of works sanctioned for improvement of National Highways in Gujarat during the last five years are as under:—

| Sl. No | Year | Number of proposals Sanctioned | Sanction Amount (Rs in crore) | Expenditure (Rs in crore) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 2003-04 | 18 | 83.25 | 68.55 |
| 2. | 2004-05 | 39 | 87.40 | 53.64 |
| 3. | 2005-06 | 29 | 89.20 | 94.50 |
| 4. | 2006-07 | 23 | 96.52 | 60.00 |
| 5. | 2007-08 | 28 | 127.30 | 62.00 |

During the current year 24 proposals amounting to Rs 235.15 crore have been sanctioned so far.

**Road construction on BOT basis**

†1971. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present road construction in the country is being carried out on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) policy;

(b) if so, the percentage of total road construction carried out in the year 2008 under the above said policy; and

(c) the extent of expansion decided to be carried out by Government in future under this plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Under National Highway Development Project (NHDP), in the year 2008 (upto 30th November, 2008), out of a length of 2151 km. for which construction has been completed, 1042 km. has been constructed under Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) policy *i.e.* 48.44%.

(c) It has been decided by the Government that all national highways under various phases of NHDP from NHDP Phase-III onwards will be undertaken on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) mode.

**Subsidy for ship building industry**

1972. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the subsidy scheme for ship building industry has expired;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.